Dear Parents

Next Monday we will be celebrating World Down Syndrome Day at St Michael’s as we stand in solidarity with all people who have disabilities. One of the truly special things about our school is the St Joseph’s Centre. I believe that our community is a better place because we welcome people with disabilities with open arms. Your children are encouraged to wear colourful socks on Monday to acknowledge this important day.

Palm Sunday - This Sunday is Palm Sunday and I strongly encourage all families to attend Mass this weekend in our parish. The focus will be on the return of Jesus to Jerusalem knowing full well what was waiting for him. It is a time of deep sorrow and reflection in our Church as we remember the suffering Jesus went through. We will be having a Stations of the Cross liturgy next Wednesday 23rd March at 9am in the Hall. All parents are most welcome to attend.

Swimming Trials These will be held next Monday 21st March at Bayswater Waves in two sessions. Mr Chatt has sent a note home to all parents in Years 3-6 with all the details. The trials are held so we can make sure that your children are placed in the correct heats at the carnival on Thursday 31 March. A significant number of staff members and parents will be there to help Mr Chatt and I thank them in advance.

Board and P&F Meetings These will be held on Monday 21st March from 6.00pm (Board) and 7.30pm (P&F).

Leadership Development Last week I had an excellent learning experience in Brisbane working alongside system leaders from dioceses all around Australia. One of the big things in my role is to help develop future leaders. Mrs Liebregts is participating in the Aspiring Principals’ programme, Mrs Tucker is participating in the Emerging Leaders’ programme and Mrs Fox is participating in a Maths pilot programme with us as well. On Monday next week, the four of us will be attending an important day on Visible Learning led by Professor John Hattie. All of this extra training directly benefits the teaching and learning programmes at St Michael’s.

Laurie Bechelli
PRINCIPAL
SCHOOL FEES

Our ANZ Bank Account details are as follows, for anyone wishing to pay directly into it.

BSB: 016-255      ACC: 4247 69155

Your name must be included in any payments made through the bank account.

Alternatively, direct debit forms are available from the school office if you wish to set up a regular payment.

If you wish to apply for HCC discount on the tuition fee portion of the account, please come to the office to fill in a HCC form and present a copy of your concession card.

School Fee accounts have been sent home this week.

ABSENTEE LINE: 6278 9802

Please phone the number above if your child is absent from school. We ask that you do not email individual class teachers regarding absence, but use the dedicated phone line instead. You will also need to give a signed note of explanation to the class teacher on your child’s return to school.

TRASH FREE TUESDAY

We ask that on every Tuesday you are mindful of the way you package your children’s lunchbox to minimise waste at our school. Ideally we would love to see no wrappers, and all food packaged into containers.

NO PARKING IN KISS AND RIDE!

Please don’t park in the Kiss & Ride and leave your vehicle. It badly impedes the flow of traffic and holds up other families who are trying to drop children off. If you need to help your child out of the car or escort them to the classroom, please park your car elsewhere.

SCHOOL IS A NUT FREE ZONE

St Michael’s School is an Allergy Friendly School. We have students who can experience a life threatening reaction to tasting, touching or smelling nuts.

Students should not bring ANY items of food where the key ingredient is nuts. This means pastes such as Nutella and Peanut Butter, raw nuts such as almonds, pistachios, cashews and peanuts; or foods with nuts as a main ingredient, such as muesli bars or chocolate bars containing nuts.

We ask that these products not be brought to school.

Footy Tipping Competition 2016

Once again we are on the verge of another awesome football season! The NAB Challenge Cup is well underway and it is only a matter of a few short weeks before the real deal starts and we are all proudly wearing our team colours and being the best Monday experts ever!

Very shortly I will be sending home Footy Tipping Competition registration forms and joining instructions with your eldest child, so keep your eyes peeled. We will be using the footytips.com.au website competition again for 2016. Everyone is welcome to join, so please encourage your family and friends to jump on board as well. Subscription will remain at $50 per tipster for the whole season (including the finals games).

This is a P&F fundraising initiative to help towards enhancing the learning environment and literacy resources of our children.

Cheers!

Bec Dwyer

CANTEEN NEWS

FISH OPTIONS FOR LENT - All $4.50
⇒ Fish burger, sauce and salad
⇒ Fish Fingers, potato gems or mashed potato and mini corn cob.
⇒ Tuna Mac ‘n’ Cheese

VEGETARIAN OPTIONS - $3.50
⇒ Spinach & ricotta roll
⇒ Vegie Supreme pie

Blake Sheridan won bronze in the nationals for kayaking - marathon 2.5km race.
(An Australian champion)
Assistant Principals’ Update

On Wednesday evening the Year 3s celebrated their First Reconciliation. The ceremony was reverent and the children were respectful of this significant First Sacrament. A big thank you to Ms Rosemary Lambe for the enormous effort she put into ensuring the Year 3s were prepared to receive this Sacrament.

The Easter Season is well and truly upon us and there are some very excited girls and boys (and teachers) in our school community. On Wednesday 23rd March we will be celebrating the Stations of the Cross at 9am in the Hall. This will be a very reflective experience for the students in gaining a better understanding of the significance of the many things Jesus did. Please take the opportunity to participate in this significant event with the students of St Michael’s. Taking part in activities such as these prior to Easter helps prepare the children to gain a better understanding of the importance of Easter in our faith.

Palm Sunday occurs this Sunday and this is a significant day for the children as it signifies the start of Holy Week. Please take the time to participate in Mass on this very special day with your family.

WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY

21st March 2016

LOTS OF SOCKS

The students have been invited to participate in Wear Lots of socks on 21 March 2016 to raise awareness on World Down Syndrome Day. BUT NOT JUST ANY SOCKS...brightly coloured socks, mismatched socks, long socks, printed socks, 1 sock...maybe even 3 socks (or EXTRA socks) for 3 chromosomes. Or if you don't normally wear socks then wear them. Just so long as they are socks which are on display and people will ask you about them.

SWIMMING TRIALS - for Years 3—6 will be held on the 21st March. Please ensure your child has their bathers, goggles and towel with them ready to go.

EASTER DATES
Parents Please Note: Good Friday, Easter Monday and Easter Tuesday are Holidays. Students resume school again on Wednesday 30th March.

Two Year 6 cricket teams competed last Friday at an inter-school event. The girls represented themselves very well, as did the boys, who came first in their division. Fantastic effort kids - what a great day was had by all.
Hello St Michael’s Families,

Welcome back to another productive and exciting year of school life for 2016.

For those who don’t know me, my name is Bree Jennings and this year I have taken on the challenge of P&F President. I hope to fill the amazing and capable shoes of our retiring president, Megan Hazeldean, and I thank her for her considerable contributions over the past 2 years. It is often a thankless role and Megan should be very proud of the projects that were completed during her time on the P&F.

THANK YOU Megan!!

I welcome onto the P&F Melissa Kroon, who is taking over from Karen Swindale as Secretary. Karen has done an outstanding job and will be missed, however she maintains her involvement on our fundraising committee with the tireless Tanya Farrant. Thanks ladies!!!

We also welcome back Rebecca Dwyer as Treasurer. This is a vital role in any P&F and we thank Bec for her continued and valuable work in this position. Thank you Bec!!

This year looks set to be another busy one and we kicked off with our “back-to-school” welcome function on Friday night at SciTech. The event was a great success with thanks to organisers Karen Swindale and Tanya Farrant, along with their team of Amelia Smith, Jac Wilson, Grazia Redolatti, Melissa Kroon and Megan Hazeldean.

We really do have an extraordinary community here at St Michael’s and ultimately it is our children who are the real winners. I encourage you to support our P&F by coming to a monthly meeting, helping at an event or assisting in whatever way you can throughout the year. Together we can make 2016 another fantastic year.

Watch this space for details of our intended commitments for 2016.

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Uniform Shop News

- Most winter orders are complete and are ready for collection.
- Hats, socks and microfibre shorts are in.
- If anyone is available to assist in the Uniform Shop on a Tuesday morning or Thursday afternoon, please email me at: matnkez@iinet.net.au

School ties are on order to be delivered early in May. If you missed the Winter Uniform ordering deadline, you will now not be able to purchase a tie until this date. Please note - the Uniform shop will not be open next Thursday, 24th March.

Thanks!
Karen Swindale - Uniform Shop Coordinator

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LA SALLE COLLEGE OPEN DAY
Tuesday 5th April 2016
Tour times: 9:15am, 11:15am and 1:30pm
We welcome you to view our extensive facilities. To book your preferred tour time, please contact the Community Relations Department on 9449 0635 or email communityrelations@lasalle.wa.edu.au

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Give your child a head start in Money Matters

School Banking – Every Wednesday:
Deposit wallet to be placed in each classroom inside CBA grey satchels each Wednesday for collection and return. Please check your child’s school bag to make sure that the deposit wallet has been processed and returned. In the event that the deposit wallet has not been returned the same day each Wednesday, please check with your respective class teacher. In the event that your child arrives late at school, and the CBA grey satchels have been collected, please come and see us at the Multi-Purpose Room (only up to 9.55am) to drop off your banking wallets or with money to be banked accordingly as per your instructions if you have forgotten your wallets but still wish to make a deposit.

Congratulations to Students who have Redeemed 10 Tokens Term 1 2016:

Reminder to make one deposit per month:
In order to ensure that your child’s Youthsaver account earns bonus interest on top of the standard interest you must make at least one deposit per month.

Calling for School Banking Volunteers!
Please confirm your interest in volunteering for this great program by contacting me on details provided.

Regards and thank you.
Jordan Knezovic School Banking Coordinator
0405829869 or jr@jrgroup.com.au

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St. Joseph Parish
HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE 2016
- Sun 20th March Passion Sunday – Palm Procession before all weekend Masses except Sun 7:00am
- Tuesday 22nd March, 7:00pm Good Friday Liturgy 3:00pm
- Thursday 24th March, 7:00pm Annual Chrism Mass, St. Mary’s Cathedral
- Friday 25th March, 7:00pm Good Friday Mass of the Lord’s Supper
- Saturday 26th March, 7:00pm Easter Vigil Mass

( followed by adoration of the Blessed Sacrament )
- Good Friday 25th March (Fasting & Abstinence)
  Stations of the Cross
  10:00am Good Friday Liturgy 3:00pm
  (Good Friday Collection for Holy Land)
- Easter Vigil Mass Saturday March 26, 7:00pm
- Easter Sunday Masses 27th March 7:00am & 9:00am – Children Easter Egg Hunt after 9:00am Mass

Confessions available 30 minutes before Mass during Lent except Easter Vigil or make app. with Fr. Son).